

STD/PCO Booths in Assam

185. **SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of applications for providing STD/ISD/PCO telephone booths in all the telecom circles of Assam and other States of the Country pending with the Government during the last three years and till date, district-wise/state-wise; and

(b) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Provision of Phones in Villages

186. **SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted a Committee for selecting the right technology for providing the telephones in the villages of the country;

(b) if so, the composition thereof with details, and

(c) by what time telephones will be provided in the villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Yes Sir. A Committee was constituted for selecting the right technology for providing the telephones in the villages of the country.

(b) the composition of the Committee is as under:

MOS(C)	Chairman
Secretary DTS	Member
Member(F)	Member
Member(T)	Member
Member(P)	Member
Sr. DDG(TEC)	Member
Sr. DDG(CS)	Member
DDG(RN)	Member
DDG(EF)	Member